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## Honor Council Goals

by Brock Baker  
The MBA Honor System is one of the school's oldest and finest traditions. Founded in 1945, "the Honor System was adopted by the MBA student body for the purpose of promoting a strong sense of honor among the students and discouraging lying, cheating, and stealing." (Article 2, Constitution of the MBA Honor System)

Modeled after the well-known and respected Honor System at the University of Virginia, our Honor System makes MBA unique among most preparatory schools.

Of course no system of any kind is perfect. The Honor System can only try to achieve the school wide honesty which is its goal. The entire graduating class will not be completely honest. But we all realize, or should, that many students at MBA are dishonest to some degree; thus the Honor Council can only do its best to carry out its job, working within the limitations of a not totally honest student body.

The odds are fantastically stacked against the Honor Council controlling completely all instances of dishonesty. Thus it may often seem that the Honor Council is very ineffective, catching perhaps only one out of fifty offenders. Even though it should not have, I believe that this relative ineffectiveness has caused the

Honor System to lose some of the respect of the student body, a real tragedy.

As the President of the Honor Council, I want to be very positive about one thing. The MBA Honor Council must have your respect. Whether it catches every offender and instills absolute honesty within the school is immaterial in this case.

There could be only two possible reasons for you, the student, not to respect it: either (1) you are dissatisfied with the people who represent and carry out the Honor System, the Honor Council, or (2) you are dissatisfied with the Honor System and its precepts.

If the first applies, you have only yourself to blame—you elected your representatives. As for the second reason, the ideals and goals of the Honor System are undeniably faultless and praiseworthy. Re-read the first paragraph of this article.

Whatever the reasons, I see that the Honor system at MBA does not have the respect that it should from the students. I have heard the Honor System referred to as a "farce" and a "joke" by many students.

This year I intend to prove very much the opposite and to regain for the MBA Honor System the respect which I believe it merits. Students have stated to



Seated, Morgan Entrekun, Student Council President. Standing, Brock Baker, Honor Council President.

me that they hardly know the Honor Council is alive during the year. This year they will know that it is alive and working toward its goals.

The student body will be informed of the actions of the Honor Council, a change from past tradition. This year the Honor Council will become active, more realistic toward the problems posed to it, and more a working model than a hazy ideal.

Hopefully our Honor Council will be the most successful one ever in attaining its goals, strengthening the Honor System, and beginning a trend toward more schoolwide integrity which will grow in the next few years. Our Honor System is here to stay.

## Function of Council Needs Re-evaluation

by Morgan Entrekun  
The Student Council—one of the great traditions of Montgomery Bell Academy. And President of the Student Council—one of the great honors that a student can receive at MBA.

But is the Student Council just a tradition; and is the presidency just an honor? Does being president just mean that you get to sit next to the speaker in assembly, you call meetings whenever you want, and sometimes you command a little respect from the seventh graders? I hope that the Student Council and its president mean more than this, but I'm not sure they do.

The purpose of the Student Council has always been rather vague to me. Is it merely a disciplinary body designed to place some of the responsibilities of student discipline in the hands of the students? Is it designed as a go-between or buffer between students and administration? Or is it really a student government—by and for the students? Can the Student Council really solve any of the growing problems that the students, faculty, and administration seem to be having?

One person cannot answer all those questions alone. As president of the Student Council, I can do my best to open the Council up to some of the students' opinions and suggestions, but alone neither I nor the Council can actually change anything.

The change in the function of the Council must be the first one

made. Perhaps, with the help and consent of the administration, we can make this change. Perhaps the Student Council can become a valuable and appreciated outlet for complaints, suggestions, and ideas from either the students or the administration. Perhaps the Council can become a responsible student government by and for the students—but none of this will be possible without the support of both the students and the administration.

As President I hope I can revitalize the Council so that it won't remain just a tradition, but to do that not only must the other members take an interest in the Council—but also the students, faculty, and administration must all become involved.

I doubt if anyone will perform any miracles this year. The school and its traditions will remain too conservative for some of the students, just as the students and some of their ideas will remain too liberal for the administration. But it is important that we all try to work together. Each student should realize that the school and its policies have a great influence on not just the 4 or 6 years of his life he is here, but his entire life and career in the way it affects his attitudes and behavior. One can only hope that the students will at least become involved, and that everyone will be willing to make sacrifices in working together to improve on a situation that definitely needs improving.

## Red Rooters Revealed

Two bits. Ready. Two bits. Four bits. . . Cheers at football games and pep rallies. MBA's cheerleaders start the cheers and direct MBA student support for the athletic teams.

Jeanne Conners is the captain of the cheerleaders. A senior at St. Cecilia, Jeanne hopes to improve school spirit with some new cheers. She has had the difficult job of organizing eight girls into a unified cheerleading group. In the coming year, Jeanne plans for the cheerleaders to attend more athletic events, such as wrestling and baseball, than previous cheerleaders.

Lee Lee Bright is a senior at Harpeth Hall. Since she is president of SAP, she spends a lot of time worrying about the lack of interest in sororities. Although she was excited about being elected a cheerleader, she says she never would have thought about trying out for it.

Mary Liebhart is a senior at St. Cecilia where she was a cheerleader in the ninth and tenth grades. A member of the Kappa sorority, she was president of her



Left to right, Severance, Conners, Laebhart, White, LeWitt, Bright and Turner.

pledge class. She feels she would have tried out for cheerleader if MBA had had tryouts because "the chance of being a cheerleader would be worth the embarrassment in trying out."

Valerie LeWitt is a Harpeth Hall senior, a SAP cheerleader, and member of Castner Knott's teen board. She feels "sororities should be stopped unless there is more interest." Although she says she would not have tried out for cheerleader, she is looking forward to cheer for MBA. She likes to eat, enjoys swimming, and likes "soaking up the rays." Georgia is her first college choice.

Katy Martin is a senior at Harpeth Hall. A member of Kappa sorority, she feels that she would not have tried for cheerleader, but she was excited about being

elected. She enjoys swimming, driving cars, and making trips to Florida. Alabama and Georgia are her preferences for college.

Marcia Severance is a Harpeth Hall junior where she was a cheerleader. She feels that tryouts for cheerleaders would be a good idea because interested girls would be the ones to try out.

Currey Turner is a junior at Harpeth Hall and a member of Kappa sorority. She has not thought about college since she is a junior.

Becky White is a senior at Harpeth Hall. She is looking forward to being a cheerleader and watching MBA games, particularly baseball. She is the secretary of Kappa sorority and views Alabama as her first college choice.

## Curriculum Expanded

By Jimmy Milam

MBA students have more choice than ever in the selection of their courses. This year economics and an AP course in Modern History are being added. In addition, the exchange program with Harpeth Hall, discontinued last year, is being renewed. MBA students will be allowed to take Harpeth Hall's psychology course; conversely, Harpeth Hall students can take physics at MBA.

These changes were caused primarily by many students' desire for more opportunities to get instruction in several specialized fields, and the evaluating committee's suggestion that the school offer a broader curriculum without "watering it down."

Last year's mini-courses, though they proved to be unfeasible, revealed a desire among students and faculty for a broader curriculum with electives in which interested students could participate.

The new economics course, under the direction of Mr. Sam

Turner, promises to be challenging. Mr. Carter calls economics "perhaps the most difficult course I took at Virginia." The course will be offered to sophomores and juniors as a fifth subject, including tests and homework. About 20 students are enrolled in the new class.

The new AP modern history course, taught by Mr. Mike Drake, will be considerably tougher than the regular course and will allow advanced students to obtain college credit in the subject. The course will use the Brinton, Christopher, and Wolfe textbook, an extensive, comprehensive study of modern history.

Three MBA students will be in Harpeth Hall's psychology class, while 10 Harpeth Hall pupils will commute to MBA to take either honors or regular physics.

In other changes, Mr. Edson will operate out of the language lab control room as a full-time guidance counselor, and the art and speech programs will be centered in the new art building.

# WELCOME BACK



# Athletics In Review

by Paul DeWitt

MBA fans can expect another good sports year in 1972-73. Although graduation claimed many great athletes, most sports will have a good nucleus of returning players.

The football team could surprise many people if some of the younger players come through. The Big Red could even be good enough to gain a post-season bowl bid.

The backfield will be anchored by co-captain Frank Garrison, a two-time letterman. Other running backs include juniors Wade Thornton, Hill Granbery, and Wade Cowan. Denny Thompson is the leading candidate for the quarterback position.

Co-captain Bill Orand and Brock Baker will provide experience in the line. Defensively, line-backer Warren Johnson has a shot at all-star honors. Dick Klausner, if he remains healthy, should help the secondary.

The team's success, however, must be considered a question mark. Any success the Big Red has will hinge on the ability of the young players to respond to the pressure of the N.I.L.

As winter rolls around, basketball and wrestling will hold most of the attention. In basketball, Coach John Bennett will have to get the most from a squad that will have none of last year's starters.

Greg McNair, Dick Jones, and Frank Garrison are the only returning members from last year's 19-9 squad, and only McNair saw much action. The remaining starters will come from former J.V. players Steve Summers, Jeff Gwaltney, Steve Holt, and Hill Granbery.

Coach Bennett, however, has the coaching ability to get a good season from average material. No one should underrate any Bennett-coached team.

The wrestling team should have a fine season. Ten of the top wrestlers from last year's fine squad will be back this season.

Brock Baker, Thanny Mann, Rob Ramsey, and Michael Cohen will lead this year's team. An excellent junior high wrestling program should mean success in wrestling for several years to come.

When spring comes around, the baseball, golf, tennis, and track teams will be out to equal last year's fine seasons. Each spring sport will bring back a good nucleus of performers.

It will be hard to match last year's great baseball team. First baseman Garnett Reid and second baseman Robert Harris, two heroes of that squad, come back to lead the Big Red. Reid was especially valuable in clutch situations.

The golf team will be led by David McAllister, an outstanding

linksman. Returning for another year will be Webb Earthman, David Matthews, and McAllister. Walter Morgan, Dan Earthman, and Hugh Entekin will compete for other spots on the squad. The Big Red has a good shot at finishing high in the state tournament again.

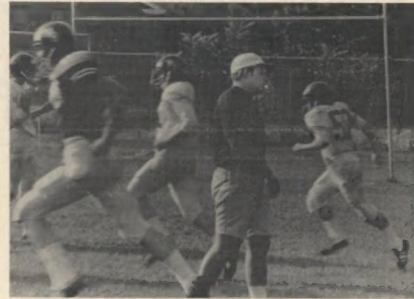
The tennis team will be led by senior Steve Summers and sophomore Gil Templeton. Several young players will help, including Ed McManus, Joe Davis, and Johnny Howell.

Templeton and others have enjoyed good success during the summer. The tennis team will be out to defend its N.I.L. title.

High-jump artist Shannon Leroy, who placed fifth in N.I.L. Trackman of the Year voting in 1972, will head a fine track team. Leroy and Warren Johnson will lead in field events.

A bevy of fine sprinters and distance men will handle the track events. Wade Thornton, Wade Cowan, and sophomore Thanny Parker are the short-distance men. Scott Brittain, Joe Collier, and Edwards Park will return to provide strength in the long-distance events.

MBA supporters should look for an enjoyable sports year in 1972-73. No one expects last year's sensational teams, but there should be just as much excitement and perhaps even a few surprises along the way.



Sandy Haury directs traffic

## Haury, Medlin Hired

by David Hibbles

MBA's two new young coaches, Ronnie Medlin and Sandy Haury, have high hopes for a bright season and work diligently at their new jobs. Haury and Medlin both had fine high school careers in the NIL but then proved to have much different college careers.

Members of this year's senior class who saw Sandy Haury perform superbly on the gridiron during his years at MBA will be familiar with his enthusiasm. He was an excellent team leader who earned recognition on all-NIL all-state, and all-American team for his play at center. Coach Haury then proceeded to have three fine seasons while playing center at Vanderbilt despite an assortment of bothersome injuries. Haury enjoyed his years as a Commodore and feels that experience and more depth should lead Vandy to a winning season.

Concerning the hopeful success of this year's Big Red squad,

Haury realizes the team has definite potential and hopes to help the players to reach their peak. He will specialize in coaching the offensive and defensive linemen. He will also teach 7th grade American History.

After spending his high school career playing quarterback for Hillwood, Coach Medlin then went to Carson-Newman College where he played several positions. He was named to an all-regional small college team. After leaving Carson-Newman, Coach Medlin went to Geneva, Switzerland where he entered a graduate ecumenical school. He was one of thirty-seven students from various parts of the world in the school.

After returning to the U.S., Medlin did some scouting for a high school in Wake Forest, North Carolina. While at MBA, he plans to coach the ends and to teach English I and first year Latin.



Ronnie Medlin sets example for QB's

## Probable Pigskin Performers

### Offense

Split end—W. Cowan  
W. Thornton  
Tackle—R. Carpenter  
B. Lillyett, C. McClure  
Guard—B. Baker  
S. Brittain, D. Macleod  
Center—B. Orand  
Tight end—W. Johnson  
Quarterback—D. Thompson  
J. Nesbitt  
Fullback—T. Mann  
T. Delvaux  
Tailback—D. Creighton  
H. Granbery  
Wingback—F. Garrison  
T. Vaughn, J. Goertz

### Defense

End—J. McClellan  
Tackle—R. Carpenter  
B. Lillyett  
Noseguard—B. Baker  
T. Mann  
Tackle—C. McClure  
End—S. Moll  
Linebacker—H. Granbery  
W. Johnson

### Monsterman—F. Garrison

T. Delvaux  
Halfback—W. Thornton  
W. Cowan, J. Goertz  
Safety—D. Klausner  
T. Vaughn

These football positions are simply a guess on the part of the paper after talking to several members of the future team.

Its purpose is to familiarize those people unfamiliar with football with the probable positions and players.

To anyone not on this diagram but who is now first string, we congratulate you and are sorry about not having included you. To those on the diagram not making the first string or injured, we wish you luck in making the first team in the future.

Because of the time the printer needs to print the paper, this diagram is again simply a guess.



## Recent Grad Scores Upsets

Following some outstanding years of tennis at MBA, Rip Trammell achieved perhaps his greatest success this summer. After losing to Gary Dunn in the finals of the state high school singles tournament, Rip upset Dunn, 6-4, 6-4, to win the Southern Junior tournament.

Rip followed this victory by constantly scoring upsets en route to a 6-2, 6-1 win over Neil Wright of Murfreesboro to secure the men's title of the City Open.

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